

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER A STATUS REPORT ON THE FLEET RULE AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL URBAN BUS TRANSIT AGENCIES

The Air Resources Board (the Board or ARB) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider a status report on the public transit bus fleet rule.

DATE: September 20, 2001

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: California EPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room, Second Floor
1001 "I" Street
Sacramento, California 95814

This item will be considered at a two-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., September 20, 2001, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., September 21, 2001. This item may not be considered until September 21, 2001. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least 10 days before September 20, 2001, to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

This facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. If accommodation is needed, please contact ARB's Clerk of the Board by September 6, 2001, at (916) 322-5594, or Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD) (916) 324-9531, or (800) 700-8326 for TDD calls outside the Sacramento area.

In February 2000, the ARB adopted the public transit bus fleet regulation. This regulation is designed to achieve significant reductions in NO_x and PM emissions from 2001-2015, through the implementation of a fleet rule. Emission reductions are achieved through purchasing new low-emission buses or repowering older, higher-emitting buses to lower-emitting configurations. Reductions in diesel PM are also achieved through the retrofit of engines with emission control systems and the use of low sulfur fuel. Long-term emission reductions are achieved through establishing increasingly more stringent new engine standards. The Board directed staff to work with transit agencies on the rule's implementation and to provide regular updates on the progress of implementation to the Board. Specifically, directives to staff were: (1) to report back regularly on transit agency progress in implementing the regulations; (2) to report back to the Board on implementation of any emission reduction strategies proposed by transit agencies as an alternative to compliance with the 2004 through 2006 engine standards and to analyze the first exemption application and present its

recommendation to the Board for its consideration as part of the first update; (3) to report on the status of advanced aftertreatment systems; and (4) to report on progress on development of hybrid-electric bus test procedures. Staff will summarize the status of implementation of the rule by transit agencies and provide recommendations related to the applications it has received for emission reduction strategies as an alternative to compliance with the 2004 engine standards.

This meeting is informational only and no regulatory action is being proposed at this time; however, the Board may recommend regulatory action if necessary to implement the staff's recommendations. ARB staff will present a written status report at the meeting. Copies of the report may be obtained from the Board's Public Information Office, 1001 "I" Street, 1st Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 322-2990, at least 10 days prior to the meeting. The report may also be obtained from the ARB internet site at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/bus/bus.htm> prior to the scheduled meeting.

If you are a person with a disability and desire to obtain this document in an alternative format, please contact the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator at (916) 323-4916, or TDD (916) 324-9531, or (800) 700-8326 for TDD calls from outside the Sacramento area.

Interested members of the public may present comments orally or in writing at the meeting, and in writing or by e-mail before the meeting. To be considered by the Board, written comments and submissions not physically submitted at the meeting must be received **no later than 12:00 noon, September 19, 2001**, and addressed to the following:

Postal mail is to be sent to:

Clerk of the Board
Air Resources Board
1001 "I" Street, 23rd Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic mail is to be sent to bus01@listserv.arb.ca.gov and received at the ARB **no later than 12:00 noon, September 19, 2001**.

Facsimile submissions are to be transmitted to the Clerk of the Board at (916) 322-3928 and received at the ARB **no later than 12:00 noon September 19, 2001**.

The Board requests but does not require 30 copies of any written submission. Also, the ARB requests that written and e-mail statements be filed at least 10 days prior to the

meeting so that ARB staff and Board members have time to fully consider each comment. Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Dr. Nancy L.C. Steele, Manager of the Retrofit Implementation Section, at (626) 350-6598.

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Michael P. Kenny
Executive Officer

Date: August 29, 2001

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Web-site at www.arb.ca.gov.